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Examiner Thompson, T.

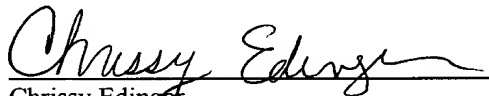
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: Steinberg, et al. : Group Art Unit: 2873  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.